Toxic Release Inventory Quarterly Newsletter

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New TRI Contact

Greetings everyone! Please allow me to introduce myself as the new TRI contact at IDEM. My name is Laura Groom and I look forward to working with all of you on TRI issues.

Please note that the TRI contact phone number has been changed. I can be reached at (317) 234-4054. If you are unable to reach me please contact our Director, Karen Peterson at (317) 233-5555.

I'm available to provide one to one, <u>confidential compliance assistance</u> either over the phone or by visiting your business in person.

2005 TRI Data is now available

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce that the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting Year 2005 Electronic Facility Data Release (e-FDR) is now posted on the EPA's Web site at:

www.epa.gov/tri-efdr.

The EPA created the e-FDR in response to stakeholders' requests that the EPA share TRI data sooner and in the format received, without waiting for further analysis. The data is being released prior to the traditional Public Data Release (PDR), which includes more quality checks, national trends and analysis.

Please note our new Web address:
www.in.gov/idem/prevention/tri/

REMINDER:

EPA is planning to distribute the TRI-ME CD only, without the hard copy manual, beginning with Reporting Year 2006 (Spring 2007).

It is important to note the CD contains all the relevant information needed for facilities to meet their EPCRA Section 313 obligations. If a facility does not have a computer to access the CD's information, EPA will also provide a phone number they can contact to request blank forms, and if necessary, a copy of the manual (limited quantities available).

Burden Reduction Proposed Rule (Phase II)

The new rule is expected to be published in the Federal Register the week of November 28th. This rulemaking enables facility owners and operations to use Form A for reporting certain PBT chemicals to TRI. It also expands the use of Form A for non-PBT chemicals.

Facilities that report low amounts of chemicals to TRI will benefit from this rule by being allowed to used the shorter Form A, thus reducing their reporting burden. The Form A is easier to complete than the longer Form R because there are fewer information fields to complete and fewer mathematical calculations to perform. Please see the following website for more information

www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/modrule/phase2/index.htm

Using North American Industry Classification (NAICS) Codes to Report to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

This rulemaking requires TRI facilities to use NAICS codes instead of SIC codes when reporting toxic chemical releases to the Agency. The rule is effective for Reporting Year 2006 (for reporting forms due to the Agency by July 1, 2007). Please see the following website for more information

www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/naics/index.htm

Online tools

IDEM TRI Searchable database:

www.in.gov/idem/prevention/tri/

TRI Explorer

www.epa.gov/triexplorer/

This on-line tool generates reports based on facilities, chemicals, geographic areas, or industry type (SIC code) at the county, state and national level. It provides information for on and off site disposal or other releases, transfers off-site and other waste management data (i.e., recycling, energy recovery, treatment and quantities released).

Envirofacts

www.epa.gov/enviro/

EPA created the Envirofacts Warehouse to provide the public with direct access to the wealth of information contained in its databases (including TRI). The Envirofacts Warehouse provides environmental information from EPA databases on Air, Chemicals, Facility Information, Grants/Funding, Hazardous Waste, Risk Management Plans, Superfund, Toxic Releases and other EPA databases. Envirofacts provides access to TRI data that is continually updated